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SUBJECT: JULY 27 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. CHINA

HUANG HUA, FORMER POLITICAL PRISONER WHO GAINED ATTENTION AS WRITER/EDITOR AFTER RELEASE YR AGO, REARRESTED ON SEDITION CHARGES IN TAIPEI. ANNOUNCEMENT STIRRED CONCERN AMONG OPPOSITION POL FIGURES THAT GOVT CARRYING OUT BROAD CAMPAIGN TO SUPPRESS DISSENT (NYT).

PEKING AUTHORITIES SAY TROPICAL STORM VIOLET HIT S COAST PRC AT TYPHOON LEVEL. HK OBSERVERS SAY SOME CROP DESTRUCTION INEVITABLE (WP).

CHINESE SCIENTISTS VERIFY YUANMO APEMAN, FOUND 5/65 IN YUNNAN PROVINCE, LIVED 1.7 MIL YRS AGO--1 MIL YRS BEFORE PEKING MAN (AP, SUN).

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2. KOREA

REV MOON PLANS SPEAK AT WASHINGTON MONUMENT RALLY, SEPT 18. ORGANIZER EXPECTS ATTRACT AT LEAST 100,000,

FROM EVERY STATE. SAID "POSSIBLY" MOON'S LAST SPEECH
IN US BEFORE TAKING MESSAGE DIRECTLY TO OTHER COUNTRIES
(JANIS JOHNSON, WP).

REV KINGSLEY LYU, KOREAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT ACTIVIST,
DIED WASHINGTON SUNDAY AFTER LONG ILLNESS. AGED 72.
ACCOMPANIED SYNGMAN RHEE TO UNO CONFERENCE, SAN FRANCISCO,
1945 (WP).

3. PHILIPPINES

USN SPOKESMAN SAYS COMPENSATION WILL BE PAID TO RELATIVES
4 FIL FISHERMEN KILLED DURING BOMBING EXERCISES
LAST MONTH; AMT UNDISCLOSED (UPI, NYT).

INTL RED CROSS CMTE INVESTIGATORS, RECENTLY TOURING PHIL
DETENTION CENTERS, FOUND EVIDENCE TO BACK ALLEGATIONS OF
TORTURE (SUN, 7/26).

GOVT NEWS AGENCY REPORTED TROOPS STORMED S PHIL FARMHOUSE
7/26, KILLED 35 HILL TRIBESMAN WHO HAD KILLED WEALTHY
LAND OWNER, OCCUPIED HOUSE (AP, WP).

4. INDONESIA

JAPAN WILL PROVIDE GOI WITH 15.4 MIL DOL LOAN TO HELP
FINANCE IRRIGATION/RIVER CONSERVANCY PROJECTS (UPI, JOC).

5. AUSTRALIA

SIX KOALA BEARS GIVEN AS BICEN GIFT FLEW ALONGSIDE PAS-
SENGERS FROM SYDNEY TO SAN DIEGO (REUTER, WP; CSM).

6. INDOCHINA

UN SPOKESMAN SAYS 29 AMCITS, 12 VIET DEPENDENTS WILL BE
FLOWN FROM SAIGON TO BANGKOK SUNDAY. ADDS ARRANGEMENTS
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BEING MADE EVACUATE 80 FILS BUT DEPARTURE DATE NOT FIXED
(AP, NYT).

NATL LEAGUE FAMILIES ENDS 7TH ANNUAL MTG BY VOTING
ASK PRES FIRE SECSTATE IMMEDIATELY, REPLACE HIM WITH
SOMEONE WHO WILL PURSUE MIA ACCOUNTING (WSTAR 7/26).
USMC DECIDES 3 MIAS IN MAYAGUEZ RAID WERE KIA. ACTION

RAISES OFFICIAL TOLL FOR OPN TO 18 KIA, BESIDES
23 KILLED IN COPTER CRASH (AP, SUN).

7. THAILAND

EX-PM KUKRIT IN VT PARTICIPATED IN TAPING SEGMENT
BBC TV SHOW "AGE OF UNCERTAINTY," HOSTED BY JK GALBRAITH;
OTHERS IN SHOW INCLUDED SECSTATE, UK'S EX-PM HEATH,
WP'S KATHERINE GRAHAM, GLOBE'S WINSHIP, ARTHUR
SCHLESINGER, JR, UK TRADE UNION LEADER JONES (WP).

ELEPHANT RUSTLING ON RISE, THAI POLICE SET UP SPECIAL
UNIT TO HALT ILLEGAL TRAFFIC (AP, SUN).

8. JAPAN

KAKUEI TANAKA ARRESTED TUESDAY MORNING, ON SUSPICION
VIOLATED FOREX/FOREIGN TRADE CONTROL LAWS. HOME/OFFICE
SEARCHED FOR EVIDENCE. PROSECUTORS SAID ARREST BASED
ON ALLEGATIONS FORMER PM RECEIVED 1.7 MILLION DOL PAYMENT
FROM FORMER MARUBENI EXEC HIRO HIYAMA 1973-74. FIRST
GOJ LEADER NAMED IN LOCKHEED SCANDAL. HIS SECY THAT TIME
TOSHIO ENOMOTO ALSO ARRESTED (AP, WSJ, GLOBE, SUN, WP).

MIKI CALLED EMERGENCY CABINET SESSION. TOLD PRESS
ARREST IS "GREATEST TRIAL FACED" BY LDP; JOB NOW IS
RE-ESTABLISH PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE IN THEIR GOVT (REUTER,
TOKYO).

ARREST EXPECTED HAVE SEVERE REPERCUSSIONS ON LDP INTERNAL
FACTIONAL BALANCE. SOME OBSERVERS FEEL MIKI HAND
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STRENGTHENED BY DEVELOPMENTS (REUTER).

PRICES PLUNGED ON TOKYO STOCK EXCHANGE WHEN ARREST
BECAME KNOWN. INVESTORS SEEM FEAR LDP IN DANGER
LOSING LONG-TIME MAJORITY IN DIET (WP).

RUMORS TANAKA INVOLVED IN SCANDAL CENTERED ON 1973
KUILIMA MEETING WITH PRES, WHEN NIXON WAS URGING JAPAN
BUY MORE US GOODS, INCLUDING AIRCRAFT (NYT SPECIAL,
TOKYO).

LDP SYG NAKASAO NAKASONE TOLD PRESS TANAKA SUBMITTED
RESIGNATION FROM PARTY; WILL DECIDE WHETHER ACCEPT
AFTER CONSULTING LDP OFFICIALS.

MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC HAS LICENSED WESTINGHOUSE PRODUCE
ZINC OXIDE RESISTER USED IN COLOR TV COMPONENT,

MICROWAVE OVENS, OTHER APPLIANCES IN US, SELL WORLD-WIDE,
EXCEPT JAPAN (NYT).

JAPANESE PRESS REPORTS GOJ PLANS SIMPLIFY AUTO IMPORT
PROCEDURES. SAYS JAPAN DEVELOPMENT BANK WILL EXTEND
LOANS BUILD JOINT STORAGE FACILITIES/SHOWROOMS FOR

IMPORT DEALERS. HOPES DEFLATE US/EUR CRITICISM OF
RISING JAPANESE AUTO EXPORTS (AP, NYT).

INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE COUNCIL STUDY ADVISES MITI JAPAN
MUST MAINTAIN 4-5 PCT GROWTH RATE 1985-95, TO MAINTAIN
POLITICAL STABILITY (CULLISON, JOC). HOME MINISTRY
REPORTS POPULATION 112.145 MILLION AT END JFY 75. 1.1
PCT INCREASE LOWEST SINCE WW II (UPI, JOC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. INDOCHINA

CSM'S OKA SEES HANOI'S MESSAGE TO SENS KENNEDY, MCGOVERN,
REP MONTGOMERY THAT AMCITS WILL LEAVE VN NEXT MONTH
AS "ANOTHER SMOKE SIGNAL" TO US, AIMED AT NORMALIZING
RELS, OBTAINING ECON AID. QUOTES POL OBSERVERS THAT
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NOT SURE THIS IS SIGNAL US WAITING FOR. OPINES HANOI
TIMED SIGNAL AS PART ATTEMPT TURN US PRESIDENTIAL
CAMPAIGN TO OWN ADVANTAGE. OKA NOTES DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN ADMIN, CONGRESSIONAL RESPONSES: SECSTATE AS
RECENTLY AS JULY 22 SAID US COULD NOT MOVE TOWARD
NORMALIZATION UNTIL MIA ISSUE SETTLED; KENNEDY, MCGOVERN
SAY CONSIDER IMPENDING REPATRIATION AS GOODWILL GESTURE
US SHOULD RECIPROCATATE. QUOTES OFFICIALS THAT OBSTACLES
TO NORMALIZATION ARE NONIMPLEMENTATION 2 C-F CLAUSES:
ARTICLE 8B CONCERNING INFO ON MIAS, ARTICLE 21 ABOUT US
ECON AID TO NVN. CONSIDERS US RELS WITH VN COULD
BECOME CAMPAIGN ISSUE. QUOTES OFFICIALS THAT US MAY
MAKE VN ENTRY INTO UN PART OF PACKAGE THAT WOULD INCLUDE
SK MEMBERSHIP.

10. THAILAND

LAT (7/25) SEES US MIL WITHDRAWAL AS MILESTONE IN
RETRENCHMENT FROM FAR CORNERS WORLD. BELIEVES DEPARTURE
SIGNALS US ACQUIESCENCE TO THAI WISHES TO COME TO
TERMS WITH NEW REALITIES IN SEA. OPINES PULLOUT WILL
TEST THAI DIPL TRADITION - COURTING OPPOSING FORCES
TO PRESERVE INDEPENDENCE. OBSERVES 1954 MANILA TREATY
COULD BE AVENUE FOR RETURN US TROOPS IF THAILAND
THREATENED BY OUTSIDE COMMUNIST FORCES OR INTERNAL
SUBVERSIVE ATTACKS, BUT DOUBTS LIKELY HAPPEN IN VIEW
RESULTS US INTERVENTION VN. CONCLUDES NEUTRALIST,
BUT NOT VULNERABLE, THAILAND WOULD REMOVE ANOTHER
COUNTRY FROM WORLD TENSION ARENA.

NYT'S ANDELMAN OBSERVES US PULLOUT HURTS THAI ECONOMY,
LEAVES THOUSANDS STRANDED IN NEIGHBORHOODS, TOWNS
THAT DEPENDED ON US SPENDING. SEES THAIS LUCKY ENOUGH

HAVE MONEY, JOBS, ENJOYING BARGAIN-BASEMENT PRICES
IN BARS, NIGHTCLUBS, MASSAGE PARLORS. FINDS CHALLENGE
SIMILAR TO THAT IN VN, CAMBODIA, LAOS, WHOSE ECONOMIES
BECAME DEPENDENT ON DOLLARS USED FINANCE WAR. BELIEVES
SUCCESS/FAILURE ECON, SOCIAL ADJUSTMENT WILL HELP
DETERMINE FUTURE OF 3-YR EXPERIMENT IN DEMOCRATIC GOVT.
NOTES GOVT HAS PLANS TO USE FORMER US INSTALLATIONS,
BUT HAS NOT MEANS TO EMBARK ON PROJECTS SINCE PRESSED
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FOR FUNDS FOR LAND REFORM, RICE PRICE SUPPORT, DEVELOPING
RURAL AREAS, AND FACED WITH DECLINING FOREX RESERVES,
LOW ENTHUSIASM FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT. QUOTES PM
SENI THAT MUST FACE REALITY, MOVE ON NUMBER FRONTS
OR MAY BE TOO LATE.

11. KOREA

LAT (7/26) OBSERVES WITHDRAWAL LAST US COMBAT FORCES
FROM THAILAND LEAVES SK LAST US MIL OUTPOST ON ASIAN
MAINLAND. STATES WOULD BE MISTAKE FOR MIL/POL REASONS
TO "END ENTIRELY" US PRESENCE THERE, BUT ADDS CHANGING
CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE PHASED REDUCTION IN SIZE SHOULD
START SOON. SUGGESTS COMMITMENT DEFEND SK AGAINST
AGGRESSION EXISTS INDEPENDENTLY OF NEED MAINTAIN
LARGE GARRISON. THUS SUPPORTS PHASED REDUCTION AS
"REALISTIC RESPONSE" TO CHANGED CONDITIONS, AND PLAINLY
IN US MIL/POL/ECON INTERESTS.

12. SINGAPORE

LAT'S MCARTHUR (7/26) DOES LENGTHY PIECE ON V I RYZHKOV,
FORMER MGR MOSCOW NARODNY BANK IN SINGAPORE, WHERE
MONETARY AUTHORITY PRIVATELY "WARNED" BANK REGARDING QUES-
TIONABLE PRACTICES; FINALLY MADE PUBLIC THAT RYZHKOV
SIGNED MOSCOW NARODNY ON FOR 60 MIL DOLS WORTH BAD DEBTS.
RYZHKOV NOW ON "LONG VACATION" AT MOSCOW'S FON TRADE BANK;
NARODNY SPOKESMAN ADMITTED FUTURE GROWTH WOULD DOUBTLESS
BE 'MODEST'."

13. JAPAN

JAMESON (LAT 7/26) FINDS JAPANESE INCREASINGLY UNEASY
ABOUT GROWING TRADE SURPLUS. ESTIMATES RECENTLY
REVISED UPWARD TO 6 BILLION DOLS. CITES INDIRECT
WARNING BY TRADE COUNCIL THAT GOJ MUST TAKE SPECIFIC
MEASURES PROMOTE IMPORTS TO AVOID SURPLUS THAT COULD
REACH 10 BILLION DOLS.

SECOND TRANCHE 45,000 PAGES/91 VOLUMES POST WAR DIPLOMATIC
DOCUMENTS RELEASED MONDAY BY GOJ. INDICATE GENL
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MACARTHUR PREPARED PLACE JAPAN UNDER DIRECT MIL RULE DURING OCCUPATION, BUT WAS DISSUADED BY GOJ LEADERS. SHOW SHIGERU YOSHIDA HELPED PERSUADE SCAP RETAIN EMPEROR AS INSTITUTION. IMAGE PROJECTED BY HITHERTO SECRET DOCUMENTS SEEN CONFLICTING SHARPLY WITH WIDESPREAD AMERICAN VIEW OF MACARTHUR AS "YANKEE EMPEROR OF JAPAN" (UPI, WP, WSTAR 7/26).

MALCOLM (NYT) REVIEWS DOCUMENTS. FINDS GREATEST SIGNIFICANCE IN FACT THEIR RELEASE CONFIRMS "PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO NOW", WHICH UNTIL RECENTLY IN HIERARCHICAL JAPAN. NOTES CLAIM TO THIS RIGHT STRENGTHENED BY WATERGATE, SCANDALS WITHIN GOJ.

14. GENERAL

LARDNER (WP) IN 3RD OF SERIES ON FOIA, TELLS TROUBLES SOME USG AGENCIES ARE HAVING WITH REQUESTS. MENTIONS CIA GETS MANY REQUESTS FROM PEOPLE DOING RESEARCH. OBSERVES BETWEEN FOIA, PRIVACY ACT, INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS FOR ONE'S OWN RECORDS APPARENTLY OUTNUMBER THOSE FROM CORPORATIONS, ANY OTHER SINGLE SOURCE.

SUN REVIEWS KOREAN PREDICAMENT, ADDRESSED BY HAK WITH RENEWED PROPOSAL FOR FOUR-POWER TALKS IN SEATTLE SPEECH. NOTES SECSTATE COMBINED "RESOUNDING SILENCE" ON TAIWAN-US DEFENSE TREATY WITH DISPASSIONATE REAFFIRMATION OF US MIL ROLE IN KOREA. BELIEVES POINT NOT LOST ON CHINESE PREPARING FOR POST-MAO ERA -- SIMULTANEOUS WITHDRAWAL OF US COMMITMENTS TO TAIWAN/SK MORE THAN EITHER US PUBLIC, OR US-JAPAN RELATIONS COULD ABSORB. HENCE, IF PRC WANTS US RECOGNITION, MEANS MUST BE FOUND, TACITLY OR OTHERWISE, KEEP KOREA QUIESCENT. CONCLUDES LIKELY EFFECT HAK REMARKS LAST WEEK WILL BE "FREEZE THE STATUS QUO" ON DILEMMA OF US ASIA POLICY, AT LEAST UNTIL COUNTRY HAS AN ELECTED PRESIDENT. KISSINGER

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